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REFERENCE NO.: CDP

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SUBJECT: Use Of Ukrainian Partisan Partisan Movement Against USSR

1. CDP is supporting the Ukrainian Partisan Army (UPA) as an intelligence source. The UPA and its "exile" group abroad, the Ukrainian Chief Liberation Council (UCLC), are potential psychological warfare instruments. UCD and OPC interest in UPA/UCLC were discussed at a meeting on 17 January 1950 in [] office. [] OPC personnel present: [] OPC personnel: []

2. BACKGROUND OF UPA/UCLC

a. Inside the USSR, the UPA reportedly consists of an armed band living a hand-to-mouth existence in the forests, aided by supporters in the towns and villages. Leadership is supplied by a general and his roving staff, who organize small-scale raids for arms and food. Attempts to propagandise the Ukrainian countryside have been made; examples of UPA leaflets brought out of the USSR by UPA men who have fought their way across the borders are en route to Washington.

b. Outside the USSR, the UCLC aspires to be internationally recognised as the standard-bearer for a Ukrainian independence movement. (The secretary of the UCLC, Mr. Mykola Lesh, now lives in New York).

3. SUPPORT RECEIVED BY UPA/UCLC

a. Inside the USSR: Food, clothing, medicine, arms, ammunition, a printing press.

b. Outside the USSR:

(1) Black radio facilities as near as possible to the Carpathian Ukraine; similar facilities for the UPA inside the USSR when feasible.

(2) Re-establishment of and subsidy for the Ukrainian Tribune, a PW journal which had a circulation of 15,000 when it collapsed for lack of funds in 1949.

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4. OEO INITIATIVES

- a. OEO will trade air drops of food, medicine, clothing, arms, munition and communications equipment for intelligence.
- b. Continuance of recruiting and training of agents, to be dropped beginning in the summer of 1950.

5. FACTS RELATING ON THE SITUATION

- a. UPA/ZHIVIL groups will continue their propaganda activity as long as they exist. Consequently, OEO's interests would probably be best served by establishing and increasing influence over the movements, with the aim of directing its propaganda toward a line compatible with US policy.
- b. Whether or not OEO joins OEO in supporting UPA, CIA intelligence requirements will force OEO constituents independently. If OEO does not take the initiative in supplying propaganda (or, less desirably, small press), or if it does not at least make an attempt to influence UPA/ZHIVIL propaganda orientation, control will go by default to the partisan movement. In that case, Ukrainian separation will be emphasized at the expense of propaganda against the Kremlin clique.

6. PROJECT POSSIBILITIES

- a. Support of the UPA jointly with OEO. The purpose of this project is to aid the clandestine activities of UPA partisans. These activities include:

- (1) Development of an underground communications network, concentrated in the Carpathian Ucraines, suitable for OEO use.
- (2) Clandestine distribution of leaflets, stickers, and other propaganda materials directed against the Soviet regime.
- (3) Operation of a black radio at some future date.

- b. Support of the ZHIVIL. The purpose of this project is to exert CPZHIVIL propaganda activities to assist US policy objectives in the USSR and Western Europe. These activities include:

- (1) Publications of a newspaper in Ukrainian, with overt distribution outside the Ukraine, covert within.
- (2) Operation of black mobile radios, in areas as close to UPA territory as is feasible.

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a. ~~A~~ and ~~B~~ combined.

d. ~~Multi-linguage publicity for UPA/PUUVA resistance. The purpose of this project is to publicize UPA/PUUVA as a fighting, anti-Soviet movement to consolidate U.S.-Canadian Ukrainian support. Factual stories are available for placement with a writer. Security will not be jeopardized.~~

7. AIDS AND OBJECTIVES

a. To encourage UPA/PUUVA men to broaden their support in towns and villages, while simultaneously playing down their subversive use of violence.

b. To educate the UPA underground to a policy of waiting, finding out who their friends are, instilling their men into minor government and Party posts if possible.

c. To support the UPA/PUUVA effort among U.S.-Canadian Ukrainians.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

a. Continuing conference with OSA on current developments in their dealings with UPA.

b. Contact with the secretary of the PUUVA, Mr. Lebed, to seek out a common ground between the UPA/PUUVA and other Russian emigre movements for a unified anti-Soviet propaganda orientation.

c. Preparation of project outline as suggested in para. 6, following preparation of FD II's USSR policy-guidance paper.

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